



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado was dry with above average temperatures last week. Topsoil and subsoil conditions remain rated mostly very short. Farmers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	64	29	7	0
Last Week	61	29	10	0
Last Year	20	31	47	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	72	25	3	0
Last Week	70	27	3	0
Last Year	22	35	41	2

Small Grains: Planting of winter wheat progressed at a rapid pace last week with 42 percent of the acreage planted by the end of the week. Emergence reached 5 percent last week compared with 17 percent for the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvest progressed to 80 percent complete by the end of last week.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 80 percent mature and 19 percent harvested, 13 points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop condition was rated in mostly very poor to fair condition. Corn harvested for silage progressed to 87 percent harvested. Dry bean progress was reported at 85 percent cut and 45 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Dry onion harvest was 75 percent complete by week's end. The summer potato harvest was winding down with 95 percent complete. Sorghum progress increased to 99 percent turning color, 33 percent mature, and 9 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly poor condition. Sugarbeet harvest continued at the usual pace last week with 13 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Fall potato harvest reached 52

percent complete with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Producers started harvesting sunflowers last week with 2 percent complete and the crop's condition ranging from very poor to fair.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 23, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	46	19	16	15	4
Last Year	6	10	35	39	10
Sorghum					
This Week	50	21	17	12	0
Last Year	8	18	55	19	0

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 95 percent of the 3rd cutting complete and 46 percent of the 4th cutting complete. The crop's condition was rated evenly from very poor to good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 23, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	58	26	14	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	19	20	29	24	8
5-Year Avg.	7	17	38	31	7

Livestock: The condition of livestock was rated fair to good at the end of last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies continue to be rated as short for this time of year.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 23, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	95	90	82	77
4 th Cutting	46	30	13	14
Corn				
Mature	80	55	27	45
Harvested	19	7	1	6
Corn Silage				
Harvested	87	70	69	68
Dry Beans				
Cut	85	65	66	62
Harvested	45	29	37	36
Dry Onions				
Harvested	75	65	66	62
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	52	42	29	36
Sorghum				
Turning Color	99	94	79	93
Mature	33	25	29	46
Harvested	9	4	-	5
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	80	72	84	85
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	13	7	1	8
Summer Potato				
Harvested	95	90	76	61
Sunflowers				
Harvested	2	-	5	11
Winter Wheat				
Planted	42	15	47	54
Emerged	5	-	14	17

- Represents zero.
N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	23	20	27	25	5
Dry Beans	5	24	42	26	3
Fall Potatoes	0	0	22	78	0
Livestock	4	14	45	34	3
Sugarbeets	1	11	27	48	13
Sunflowers	46	23	18	12	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

